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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: ELECTRIC DISCHARGE MACHINING APPARATUS USING LINEAR MOTOR

DRIVE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claim:

4. The electric discharge machining apparatus using linear motor drive according to claim 2, wherein a dust cover is provided around the driving device configured by the linear motor.

